AMERICAN FINANCES IN 1786

Until 1785 no national celuage was established, and none was issued until 1793. English, French, Spanish, and German coins, of various and uncertain value, passed from hand to hand. Beside the ninepences and fourpence-ha'pennies, there were bits and half-bits, pistareens, picayunes, and fips. Of gold pieces there were the johannes, or joe, the doubloon, the moidore, and pistole, with English and French guineas, carolins, ducats, and chequins. Of coppers there were English pence and halfpence and French sous; and pennies were issued at local mints in Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The English shilling had everywhere degenerated in value, but differently in different lo-calities; and among silver pieces the Spanish dollar, from Louisiana and Cuba, had begun to supersede it as a measure of value. In New England the shilling had sunk from nearly one-fourth to one-sixth of a dollar; in New York to one-eighth; in North Carolina to one-It was partly for this reason that in desiring a national coinage the more uniform dollar was adopted as the unit. At the same time the decimal system of division was adopted instead of the cumbrous English system, and the result was our present admirably simple currency, which we owe to Gouverneur Merris, aided as to some points by Thomas Jefferson. During the period of the confederation, the chaotic state of the currency was a serious obstacle to trade, and it afforded endless opportumities for fraud and extortion. Clipping and counterfeiting were carried to such lengths that every moderately cautious person, in taking payment in hard cash, felt it necessary to keep a small pair of scales beside him and carefully weigh each coin, after narrowly scrutinizing its stamp and deciphering its legend. In view of all these complicated im-

pediments to business on the morrow of a long and costly war, it was not strange that the whole country was in some measure pauperized. It is questionable if the war debt could have been paid even under a more efficient system of government. The cost of the war, estimated in cash, had been about \$170,-000,000; and probably not more than \$30,000,000 of this ever got paid in any shape. The repudiation was wholesale because there was really no money to be had. The people were somewhat in the condition of Mr. Harold Skimpole. In many parts of the country, by the year 1786, the payment of taxes had come to be regarded as an amiable eocentricity. At one moment, early in 1782, there was not a single dollar in the treasury. That the government had in any way been able to finish the war. after the downfall of its paper money, was due to the gigantic efforts of one great man,-Robert Morris, of Pennsylvania. This statesman was born in England, but he had come to Philadel-This statesman was born in phia in his boyhood, and had amassed an enormous fortune, which he devoted without stint to the service of his adopted country. Though opposed to the Declaration of Independence as rash and premature, he had, nevertheless, signed his name to that document, and scarcely any one had contributed more to the success of the war. It was he who supplied the money which enabled Washington to complete the great campaign of Trenton and Princeton. In 1781 he was made superintendent of finance. and by dint of every imaginable device of hard-pressed ingenuity he contrived to support the brillant work which began at the Cowpens and ended at Yorktown. He established the Bank of North America as an instrument by which government loans might be negotiated. Sometimes his methods were such as doctors call heroic, as when he made sudden drafts upon our ministers in Europe after the manner already described. In every dire emergency he was Washington's chief reliance, and in his devotion to the common weal he drew upon his private resources until he became poor; and in later years— for shame be it said—an ungrateful nation allowed one of its noblest and most disinterested champions to lan-

guish in a debtor's prison. It was of ill omen for the fortunes of the weak and disorderly confederation that in 1784, after three years of herculeau struggle with impossibilities, this stout heart and sagacious head could no longer weather the storm. The task of creating wealth out of nothing had become too arduous and too thankless to be endured. Robert Morris resigned his place, and it was taken by a congressional committee of finance, under whose management the disorders only hurried to a crisis.

By 1786, under the universal depresand and want of confidence, all trade had well-nigh stopped, and political quackery, with its cheap and dirty remedies, had full control of the field. In the very face of miseries, so plainly traceable to the deadly paper currency. it may seem strange that people should now have begun to clamor for a renewal of the experiment which had worked so much evil. Yet so it was. As starving men are said to dream of dainty banquets, so now a craze for fictitious wealth in the shape of paper money ran like an epidemic through the country. There was a Barmecide feast of economic vagaries; only now it was the several States that sought to apply the remedy, each in its own way. And when we have threaded the maze of this rash legislation, we shall the better understand that clause in our federal constitution which forbids the making of laws impairing the obligation of contracts. The events of 1786 impressed upon men's minds more forcibly than ever the wretched and disorderly condition of the country, and went far toward calling into existence the needful popular sentiment in favor of an overruling central government. - John Fiske, in September Atlantic.

Excitement in Texas.

Great exerterate the born caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helphese be could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottom of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bettle and a box of Dr. Khig's New Life Pitts; by the time he had taken two be years Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and gained to flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial Bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at D. J. Hum-

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Compared With The Venerable Sister of

According to the ideas of things which prevailed not so very long ago, the woman who did not marry was a blighted being. It did not matter whether she remained single from choice or necessity; for, since it was considered a woman's only manifest, and unalterable destiny to marry, she must, of course, be regarded as a failure in life if she did not do this. And though she may have refused forty offers of marriage, or have had the most imperative duties of any sort, or developed the most decided talent for some vocation in life other than marriage, yet neither one nor all of these would have been accepted as a valid reason why she should not follow what society had decided was the only proper course in life for her. Failing to become the mistress of her own home she was doemed to a life of dependence in that of some friend or relative, a useful creature who took care of children and did the family mending, but was regarded with either pity or contempt even by those who profited most directly from

her labor. From this condition of things there arose in literature and the minds of people in general the typical "old maid." She was always pictured as gaunt, angular, and forbidding in appearance; morose and ill-tempered in disposition, as became a blighted and disappointed being; hating youth and pleasure of all sorts, with a special grudge against love-making and lovers. since they reminded her of her own vanished youth and the opportunities which she had never had, or, having, had neglected. The part which she had played in the story was usually that of a butt for the other to scratch jokes upon; or of a marplot and feminine villian whom all were glad to see dis-

comfited in the end. But we have changed all that in these ater days. With the education of women and the broadening of their opportunities in every way, their destinies have broadened also. A woman is still. perhaps, expected first to marry, and it s best for her that she should, provided her marriage can be a happy and suitable one. But if from her own choice, or a necessity arising from a lack of appreciation on the part of the other and more stupid sex, she remains at the end of her days what some one calls an "unclaimed blessing," she is no longer considered, from this circumstance alone, a failure and an unhappy creature. She is no longer doomed to a life of dependence in the house of another, for a score of vocations are open to her, in any one of which she may win a livelihood or even a competence. Consequently she commands' respect, and far from being a subject for contempt or pity, she is more likely the object of open or secret envy on the part of most of her married acquaintances.

And so it has come about that the typical old maid of former times has passed away, and in the literature of today we find a new type conforming to the new facts in the case, and quite different from the old. The modern old maid is not angular and forbidding in appearance, but plump and pleasing. ne is not morose and ill-tempered, but jolly and good-natured to an extent that makes her the best of company. As she has never had the all-absorbing cares which come with marriage, and has no family of sons and daughters growing up about her to remind her of the flight of years, she has naturally forgotten to grow old, and young people regard her as one of themselves when good times are being planned; while in the matter of lovers and lovemaking she has had that experience which makes her simply invaluable as confidant and adviser, and she is the repository of all the secrets of this sort which exist within the range of her acquaintance. She dresses in exquisite taste, she pets a pug dog or a white rat. a golden beetle, or whatever animal fashion may dictate; she entertains beautifully; is idolized by her family, especially her young nephews; has hosts of admirers, but is discretion and propriety personified; is the guiding spirit in orphan asylums, hospital fairs, associated charity matters, and other good works, and, in short, lives out to the end of her days a happy, useful, well-

rounded existence. The single woman who has her own way to make in the world, has and uses no less opportunities, though they lie in different directions. She may be a teacher, earnest, single-hearted having a formative hand upon the young minds and hearts of many, and becoming the spiritual mother, perhaps, of tens, scores, hundreds of sons and

She may be a scientist, and discover new wonders in the starry heavens, or resolve obscure chemical compounds. She may be a writer of books, which shall entertain or instruct thousands. or be privileged to speak the frequent word of warning, help, encouragement to multitudes through the columns of some great newspaper. She may heal the sick if she have a love and aptitude for that sort of work; or plead the cause of the oppressed in court, or preach repentance to sinners. In fact, there is nothing she may not do, and the single woman of to-day is no longer made to conform to one angular and disagreeable type, but is broad and many-sided, as are her present oppor-tunities, so that the "old maids" of today form one of the most positive and potent forces in our modern civilization. -Milwaukee Sunday Telegraph.

A pretty fair story is told at the expense of one of the dealers in readymade clothing in this city-being an actual occurrence a few days ago. A gentleman in conversation with the proprietor was asked if he knew a certain well-known young man of the town. He said he did. "I tells you vot he deet mit me. He comes here and buys de best suit of clothes in de house and he forgets to pay for him." The visitor expressed disapproval of such neglect of duty and fluancial looseness, when a new idea seemed to strike the dealer in hand-me-down clothing. "I was hear-t someding bretty bat of him." "Vot you dink? He went oop he cried. to Schneider's and bought a suit—and p-a-i-t for 'em!" Here his indignation was so great that he said no more, but shook his head ommously as he inwardly contemplated the wickedness of this world. - Indianapolis Jour nal.

There are rumors of a coming strike Him. It may be when a schoolmate says in the coar miners of the Mahon-scorn, "Oh, you are religious!" or it may be ing Valley.

THE OLD MAID OF TO-DAY. THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN.

NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BY DR. JOHN HALL!

Lesson XI of the International Series for Sunday, Dec. 12-Golden Text, Revelations vii, 15-Lesson Text, Revelations vii. 9-17.

The opening of this chapter, whatever differences of view may exist as to its interpretation (and on these teachers will not be expected to enter), suggests one great truth, namely, that the world will stand and the human race go forward till all God's people are safe. The angels having the winds in their hands are to keep them from their work of destruction till the servants of God are "sealed in their forebeads" and secured as the Lord's, Ezek. ix, 4, probably is the Old Testament basis for this figure of sealing. Of the New Testament Israel the Hobrow tribes were the type, hence the list. Paul speaks of "the elec-tism of grace" (Rom. xi, 5). Of course no literal view of this can stand. But it is Hebrews only who are saved. Here the wide view which the apostle was to unfold is presented in the "great multitude" outside the tribes. The believers of other than the He-brow nation were despised by none more than by Hebrews. Here is a lesson for all, Jews

V. 9. After the sealing of the 144,000 from the tribes, the apostle had a vision of a great multitude-not Hebrews, but of "all nations." etc. The several words are employed to make the idea vivid and impressive. The attitude of this multitude is standing, in reverence and adoration. The position is "before the throne and before the Lamb." The garb is "white robes," of purity (see v. 14), not triumph. See Zech. iii, 3-5, for the Old Testament presentation of this idea, which is also in Isa. i, 18. They have "palms in their hands." Here the idea is probably of rejoicing and triumph, possibly of honor to the Saviour, as He was honored in His approach to Jerusalem (John xii, 12-13). See for the Old Testament precedent Lev. xxiii, 40.

V. 10. "Salvation to our God," the burden of their cry, means that the honor of it be longs to Him, as in Ps. iii, 8, and in Isa. xliii, Notice that the Father and the Son are joined together. God gave the Son. Jesus dit not die to win over the Father or to rescue us from His hands. He satisfied justice, but divine love provided Him as a Saviour. In this He and His Father are one.

V. 11. We are told that the angels desire to "look into" the things of salvation (I Pet. , 9-12). God's grace is more wonderful to them than creation or providence. This appears in the next feature in this wonderful picture. "All the angels stood round about," and in view of the redeemed throng of men they, according to the eastern idea of hom-age to a king, "fell before the throne on their faces" and renewed their worship and adoration. The substance of their praise is in

V. 12. They were not redeemed, but they ery "amen" to the song of redeemed men's praise. They have seen their God in a new light, as never before. They recognize the glory of His grace and His justice. Seven elements enter (perhaps there is no design of representing perfection) their ascription of praise. And they say "our God"-always theirs or theirs in common with men now restored. Think of angels rejoicing over not one sinner saved, but a great, innumerable throng! Think of this goodly fellowship forever! Here we sing praises feebly and poorly. but what a joint song this will be before the

V. 13. It is the way when intending to bring out a thing prominently to put a question, as here by one of the elders, "What are these," etc. There had been a glimpse of the party to which they belonged in Rev. vi. 9-11, where they are told that they are to wait till the number is completed. It is so now. The question is not put, as it is intimated in the apostle's reply

(V. 14), for information, but to prepare for giving and receiving it. So the angel answers, "These are they which came out of great tribulation," who fought, ran with patience, endured to the end, who were scoffed at, despised, counted ignorant fanatics, often pacrificed by violence and persecution, and who are now before the throne. But it was not the tribulation that saved them, not suffering or heroism of theirs. No. "They washed their robes," etc. This was the ground of their escape—the way of their salvation. The Lamb was slain; the marks of it remain on Him. They believed Him, or, in other words, came to His cross; or, in other words washed their robes in His blood. No courage, self denial, sacrifice of ours saves. Christ saves, as the agent of salvation. Faith saves, as the means of joining us to Him and giving us the benefit of His work. See I Pet. i

V. 15, "Therefore are they," because He saved, and they trusted Him, and were faithful even unto death, "before the throne of God." They are dwelling with Him and He with them. They are in the real Eden, and God is in fellowship with Him, and they are not hiding from Him, but "serving Him day and night." The place is a temple, of which that at Jerusalem was a type, and they are kings and priests unto God. This language has its precedent in Ezek. xxxvii, 26-27. Let the mind dwell on this. Believers serve God now, but only with many faults and sins, But it is the beginning of their eternal life work. This fact joins earth and heaven together-one service in both. This is a good reason for serving God here. It is prepara-tion for the future. That will be perfect happiness. Any true happiness we get here will be from serving Him. Here we tire of service. Not so there, "day and night." Here we are often far off from Him, and the cry, "Nearer, my God, to Thee!" is fitting. Not so there. He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. Teachers cannot too much dwell on this and try to make heaven happy, glorious and real in the minds of the pupils.

V. 16. Saints in John's time, and in all time, suffered much. The world, in spite of all that men say of it when in the sunshine, is a vale of tears. Sin brought in misery. We may have "trade unions," better laws, improved dwellings, larger profits, greater privileges and the like, but suffering, misery. pain, death, are here in spite of the best mere suman means But the redeemed shall have an eternity in glorious contrast with all that. Natural wants will never again press on them. Heat shall never oppress them. Earthquakes shall never terrify them. Malaria hall never waste them. They are to be in the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, and with it perfect This is put in the most lively poshappiness. sible way in

V. 17. The Lamb-the good Shepherdshall feed them and lead them to living fountains of waters (see Psalm xxiii), pure, perennial, gladdening. Zech. xiv, 8, and Ezek. xlvii, 12, give Old Testament precedent for this. And as for tears, God shall wipe them away-all of them. What brings tears? Sufferings, bereavements, sorrows, sins. There vill be none of these forever. This also is an old promise. (See Isa. xxv, 8; li, 11; lxv,

The following points are worthy of renewed notice: (1) God's servants have many blessings here—some that others never taste—but it is not here they find their heaven. They have

nany enemies here. (3) Suffering for God is never forgotten by at the stake. He remembers it.

(3) Christ's work is not in vain. I here will be an innumerable multitude saved. "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied," great as is the love of His com-

passionate heart. (4) We do not worship angels, for they are creatures and our fellow servants; and we do not ask them to pray for us, for that were to reflect on the prevailing intercession of the one Mediator; but we must be interested in them. They are our fellow servants now and will be for ever and ever. Finally,

(5) Let us make sure that we are washed in the blood of the Lamb.

HINTS FOR QUESTIONS. On the Lesson Explanations.—How long the world will stand. Scaling the servants of Others than Hebrews saved. Sealing the 144,000. Attitude and position of the saved. Their dress. Palms in the hand. Father and son joined. Grace as viewed by angels. Their worship. Use of a question. The angel's answer. Washed their robes. The real Eden. Heaven a temple. Prepara-tion for heaven. The earth a "vale of tears." Misery brought by sin. Happiness of the redeemed. The Lamb as a Shepherd. Points

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Trick of a Traveling Doctor.

Several months ago one of these traveling bealers of all diseases came to Detroit with a great flourish of trumpets, and in a few days the fame of his wonderful cures spread abroad and filled his rooms with crowds of lame, halt and blind. I went over one day to see him lay on hands and heal. One of his patients was a young man who alleged that his right arm had been useless for months. The great quack rubbed it, and the patient experienced great relief. He came again and again, and in a week was completely cured. There was another with spinal complaint, a third who had been deaf for ten years, and several others who were almost blind. All were cured. Some of us were amazed at these wonderful cures and after the quack had worked the town for what it was worth he vanished with wallet stuffed with bank bills.

It was only the other day that I heard something drop. I learned then, from the very best authority that the "doctor" employed no less than twenty-one different "patients" to travel with him from city to city and pass themselves off for residents and be "cured" of their ailments. We are a gullible people. The biggest frauds upon earth find a rich crop on American soil.—M. Quad in Detroit

A College During the War. The building of the bridge across the Hudson at Poughkeepsie puts us in mind of the fact that the project was first broached a great many years ago by Professor Eastman, of that town. He labored long and hard to bring the public to see the advantages to be derived from such a work, but died before he had enough supporters to bring his plan to a head. Eastman made an enormous fortune in Poughkeepsie with a business college. At the time of the war he was eking out a living as the proprietor of a small school. Under the draft law scholars were exempt from military service, and Eastman soon found his school so full that he had to move into more ommodious quarters. The secret of the plan to evade conscription leaked out, and within six months Eastman rented every vacant room in the town and filled it with "scholars. Illiteracy spread with alarming rapidity, and middle-aged men who had been considered fairly educated merchants suddenly forgot ow to read and write or to do their sums, and found it necessary to attend Professor Eastman's business college. The professor prospered accordingly, and even war deprived him of his "scholars" his business was firmly established.—Chicago News.

"Erosion" in Artillery. "Erosion" is the greatest difficulty of the nodern artillerist. For some reason or other modern big guns are scored to pieces by their own charges before they have been fired many times. At the Iron and Steel institute the engineers had a good deal to say on the subject, but they did not come to any definite conclusion about it. Some authorities maintain that it is the friction of solid particles of powder driven along at enormous speed over the intensely heated surface of the tube which destroys the gun. Others think it is due to the chemical action set by the gases liberated in the ignition of the powder. But in reality very little is known about the matter .- St James' Gazette.

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SOUTH BOUND. 4 40 am 16 10 am 5 35 pm 5 57 11 33 7 62 6 34 12 05 pm 7 35 7 10 12 46 8 19 7 48 1 18 8 47 8 88 1 40 9 07 8 85 2 06 2 34 9 30 3 00 10 30 Carey Upper Sandusky . Marion Prospect ... Delaware . r Columbus Ly Columbus. 7 t0 nm 3 05 pm 6 00 pm 9 15 4 27 7 18 10 02 5 25 8 02 Lancaster. Logan..... 7 18 8 02

Ar Athens ... 11 05 am 6 30 pm 9 10 pm Ar McArthur Je ... 11 57 am 6 43 pm 1 57 pm 8 10 2 32 9 900 ****** NORTH BOUND. 4 45 anr 4 15 pm ... v Athens .. 7 00 am 7 15 pm 12 35 pm 8 17 am 8 30 pm 1 37 pm 9 05 9 15 2 20 11 20 10 25 3 40 v Columbus Delaware Prospect Marion 10 25 am 4 45 am 4 15

Note on Running of Trains. Trains leaving Columbus at 4:15 p. m. (north bound) runs daily, and carries through sleeper for Chicago, via Fostoria and B. & O. R. R.
Trains arriving at Columbus at 2:30 z. m. runs daily, and carries through sleeper from Chicago to Columbus, Washington and Baltimore.
Directionnections made in Union Depotat Columbus for Newark, Zamesville, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia also for Dayton, Jincinnati, Louisville and all points Scuth and Southwest.

and southwest maclose at Toledo for Detroitand all points in Michigan and Canada.

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